



Apeltes quadracus

Fourspine stickleback

General

1. Freshwater fish growing to 6.4cm

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Europe and Atlantic coast of North America, Atlantic slope from Gulf of St. Lawrence to Trent River system, NC
2. Habitats
 - Typically a nearshore marine species, but far inland populations occur in Nova Scotia, and in Hudson, Delaware, and Susquehanna River drainages
 - Seldom in open water; typical of the benthic littoral zone



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<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=700>

Invasion Pathways

1. Shipping, ballast water

Sources

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